

MERCHANT MARINE COULDN'T LOSE JINX

Service Victim of Unfortunate Mistakes, Says Former U. of P. Instructor

GOOD MEN ARE NEEDED NOW

The emphatic need of a large civilian merchant marine personnel to enable this country to take its rightful place among the independent commercial leaders of the world was pointed out in an interview today by Nelson Collins, of New York, a former instructor in English at the University of Pennsylvania.

Mr. Collins has been a contributor to several leading magazines during the war on this subject.

"The parade of the shipbuilders was interesting," he said, "but it fails to emphasize the real point about a merchant marine. The one material thing that the United States had to gain from the war was a permanent merchant marine of sufficient size in ships and in men.

"It does not seem likely that it will be accomplished in anything like the proportions which could easily have been possible. A merchant marine means men much more than it means ships, and you only secure men by building a strong pride in them and making the country proud of them.

"Every other important country in the war, and especially Great Britain, the greatest maritime country, steadily kept to the fore the sense of a civilian merchant marine. The United States, which needed it most, neglected it most.

The navy undertook to swamp it by a campaign of demoralizing its personnel and its discipline. A training system was carried out by the shipping board as inept. In spite of this the civilian merchant marine did 25 per cent of the carrying of all transatlantic supplies to our forces and to the Allies. It lost 1000 in war casualties on the high seas.

"The game at sea can still be saved for the United States, but it cannot be saved by talking about ships or naval appropriations. There has got to be the right kind of talk about civilian seamen and the right kind of civilian action.

"The finest thing about a seagoing personnel is the autonomy of its discipline and the signing on from voyage to voyage. Many a good man is being lost to the sea right now because he fears the navy is going to maintain some kind of a hold on merchant ships through a wrong naval reserve scheme.

"Boys now in the navy are getting their discharges and heading inland instead of making transfer to merchant ships because they fear naval enlistment and discipline terms. Others are leaving the sea because of the ignominious treatment of the United States civilian seamen. Civilian seamen today should be manning all our transports. Instead of that the moment a merchant ship is fitted to carry troops the civilian crew is thrown out and a naval crew installed.

"British, French, Italian, Spanish, Swedish and Norwegian civilian crews are all employed on ships of their nationality transporting English States troops home. The only civilian seamen in the world who are denied that job are American and German."

Officers of 28th Sail for Home

Several scattered detachments of officers of the Twenty-eighth Division sailed from Brest last Thursday on the transport Imperator, due to reach New York next Friday, the War Department announced today. The detachments consist of three officers of the 103d Supply Train, eleven officers of the 103d Signal Battalion, twenty-seven officers of the 107th Field Artillery and seventeen officers of the 110th Infantry.

Hold-up Victim Stabbed

Philip Paito, forty-one years old, of 7204 Wissinoming street, was stabbed in the side with a butcher knife as he struggled with two assailants at Vanduyke and Vincent streets this morning. About 6 o'clock Paito was on his way to work when the pair approached him and made threatening gestures while attempting to rifle his pockets. He put up a fight. The men fled. Paito is now in the Frankford Hospital.



Dr. E. A. FARRINGTON HADDONFIELD CIVIC CHIEF

TO HONOR HIS SUCCESSOR

Retiring Haddonfield, N. J., Civic Association Head to Give Dinner

Two of the most prominent men of Haddonfield will meet tonight and, in the presence of friends, exchange greetings, felicitations and plan for greater things for the good of Haddonfield.

The occasion will be a farewell dinner given by Dr. E. A. Farrington, retiring president of the Civic Association, to William J. Strandwitz, president-elect, at Doctor Farrington's school. There will be covers for twenty, which will include members of the executive committee and the officers of the association.

Doctor Farrington held the office of president for two years, during which time the association grew by leaps and bounds. He has for years been very active in civic affairs of the borough, as also has Mr. Strandwitz, who has been the successful chairman of the five Liberty Loan campaigns in this district, in which Doctor Farrington was an able assistant.

HONORS GIRL SCOUT CHIEF

Sir Robert Baden-Powell Decorates Mrs. Juliet Low

New York, May 19.—Lieutenant General Sir Robert Baden-Powell, founder of the scout movement, decorated Mrs. Juliet Low, president of the Girl Scouts of America, with the scout "Thanks Medal" at a rally here yesterday at Girls Scouts, Campfire Girls, Big Sisters and members of similar organizations.

The medal was awarded, he said, as a token of the "loving and efficient service rendered by Mrs. Low to and for her young friends."

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BRIG. GEN. ANDREWS BACK FROM OVERSEAS

Philadelphian Was Attached to Staff of General Pershing and Helped Direct Transportation

OTHERS FROM THIS STATE

Brigadier General Avery D. Andrews, vice president of the General Asphalt Company, was among the casual officers on the Holland-America steamship Noordam, which reached New York from Brest, having left there on May 7 with 1800 officers and men.

At the request of General Pershing, Mr. Andrews, then commissioned a colonel, went to France a year and a half ago with the engineers and soon after his arrival was appointed deputy director of transportation. Last July he was assigned to General Pershing's headquarters at Chantilly as chief of the first section of the general staff and also assistant chief of staff. He had just left his duties before returning home.

The general will report to the army authorities in Washington in a day or so, and says he will endeavor to get out of the uniform as soon as possible so he can again take up his work in Philadelphia.

Sergeant George T. Reed, formerly associated with the Curtis Publishing Company, in Philadelphia, who lives at 6052 Irving street, West Philadelphia, was also among the passengers. He went to France with the Signal Corps Engineers in August, 1917, and for several months was at Tours and then at Nevers engaged in the assembling of machine guns, radio sets, and other apparatus.

It was about this time that the army authorities in France were looking for men who had special qualifications in certain work, and he was transferred from the Engineers and in charge of the printing plant of the American expeditionary force. Most of the printing for the army was done in narrow gauge, using two six-line type machines and twenty six presses. Forty-one men were employed in the plant.

Other Philadelphians reaching home included Theodore H. Asstett, 30 South Redfield street; Thomas A. Collins, 6121 Edinwood avenue; Ignace Trusowski, 319 Christian street; John J. Dougherty, 2944 McKean street; Joseph R. Walton, 4422 Trinity place; Gerstin Zlotnick, 1128 South Twenty-sixth street; Herman Edenshank, 1009 Sarah street; James B. Fox, 2422 South Fifth street; William Barron, 6128 Columbia avenue; James Marks, 2553 North Thirtieth street; and Samuel Fratis, 1342 Rush street.

WAR PRISONER 3 1/2 YEARS

Essington Man, Captured by U. Boat, Returns From Germany

Among the civilians who agreed in New York today from overseas was Hugo Schaffer, of Essington, who was a German prisoner for three and a half years. He said he was taken when a German submarine captured, in the English Channel, the Norwegian bark Alexander Lawrence, bound from Buenos Aires for Falmouth, England.

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Deaths of a Day

REV. WM. V. LOUDERBOUGH

Pastor of Salem Presbyterian Church Dies of Heart Disease. The Rev. William V. Louderbough, father of the Rev. J. Janvier Louderbough, of the Holland Memorial Presbyterian Church, South Broad street, this city, died suddenly of heart disease as he was entering the First Presbyterian Church, Salem, N. J., yesterday morning.

RICHARD STEVENS IS DEAD

Prominent Jersey Lawyer and Brother of Institute Founder. Hoboken, N. J., May 19.—(By A. P.)—Richard Stevens, the last of the four brothers of Colonel Edwin A. Stevens, the founder of the Stevens Institute of Technology, died at his home here yesterday of pneumonia.

He was born in Paris in 1808, received his early education in Concord, N. H.; was graduated from Columbia University in 1830 and from the New York Law School in 1832. He was one of the leading lawyers of New Jersey, and was prominent as a philanthropist. He won fame as a tennis player fifteen years ago, when he was state and middle-states champion, and was considered an important contender for the national championship.

George M. D. Clothier

George M. D. Clothier, who died yesterday at his home, 1727 North Eighth street, was connected with the E. H. Fittler Company, rope manufacturers, fifty-one years. Most of that time, until he retired three years ago, Mr. Clothier was secretary. His father was a partner of ex-Mayor Fittler, who established the plant in 1848.

Edward Burr

Edward Burr, oldest jeweler in Kensington, died at his home, 2450 Frankford avenue, Friday, of a complication of diseases. He was seventy-nine years old, prominent in Kensington affairs, and a Mason. He will be buried Tuesday in the North Cedar Hill cemetery. A jeweler for forty-nine years, he retired several years ago from business.

"PANTS FIGHT" OPENS PERIOD OF CARNIVAL AT U. OF P.

Undergraduate Social and Competitive Activity Features "University Week" Program, Which Starts on Franklin Field Today

Pants or not 'ny pants, that is the question—Whether 'tis nobler in the mind to suffer The humiliation of having lost Them once, Or to take arms against a sea of freshmen, And by opposing, lose Them again?

The question seems to have been decided by the members of the sophomore class of the University of Pennsylvania. For today, on Franklin Field, the sophomores will try to wipe out the defeat of last year by successfully defending their trousers against the onslaughts of the ambitious first-year men in the "Pants Fight," which opens the program of "University Week."

"University Week" is the carnival period of the 1918-1919 season, and is devoted to undergraduate social and competitive activity.

Last year the freshmen boasted overwhelming strength in numbers, and at the close of the pants scrap not one sophomore returned to the dormitories or the boarding houses in pants. They wore barrels or borrowed raincoats, and if they couldn't get either they hid in the bushes behind College Hall till dark, and then beat a hasty and furtive retreat. This year the second-year men mean to "get even."

Preparations for a class scrap are almost as extensive as are preparations



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